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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

NO WORD RECEIVED AT ST. PETERSBURG

Russian Admiralty Seem Satisfied With Rojstvensky.

RUMOR OF A BATTLE IS DENIED

Russian Paper Criticizes Attitude of Certain People of Czar's Domain.

Reports from Tokio Tell Position of Armies in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, April 14--4:23 p. m.—The admiralty has not received any dispatches recently from Vice Admiral Rojstvensky.

The officials say that all talk of the emergency of any of the interned Russian warships to join Rojstvensky's squadron is pure nonsense.

Much satisfaction and admiration are expressed in naval circles at the bold, direct manner in which Rojst-

department to be lying off the Cuyos islands, 80 miles south of Mindoro, Philippine islands, re-coaling and preparing for the last stage of its long voyage.

Although these islands belong to the United States, they have fine anchorages outside the three mile limit with hard bottom at 20 to 25 fathoms.

The German navy department received in a telegram today from one of the East Indian ports an indication that the Russians were off the southern end of Cebu in China April 11, changed their course and headed on a course which would bring them to the Cuyos islands in the northern part of the Sulu Sea, 800 miles distant, in four days at the rate of 8 knots an hour.

The City islands lay technically in such a position that the approaches can easily be watched by the Russian scouts. Three cruisers, it was added, had been beached, presumably for a diversion on the coasts of Japan probably in the hope of calling off Admiral Togo in pursuit.

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Curtis Baird returned yesterday to Santa Fe, after a brief visit to this city. Mr. Baird is employed as a lawyer in the mill of E. J. Baird at Santa Fe.

Mrs. Truss Denby has returned from Columbus, Ga., where she has been to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. L. Waterbury, the death of whom occurred recently. Little Miss Eugene Waterbury, daughter of the deceased, accompanied Mrs. Denby, and will make her future home here.

Ernest Harrod, formerly of this city, but for the past two years a resident of Miami, who has been visiting friends here for the past few days, expects to make his departure tomorrow for Panama, via New Orleans. Mr. Harrod is a carpenter by trade, and has secured a lucrative position in Panama.

An ice cream social was held at the North Gainesville Hall last night for the purpose of raising funds to send delegates to Jacksonville upon the occasion of the meeting of the Christian Endeavor society. There was an abundance of fine ice cream which was sold at reasonable prices, and the affair was both a financial and social success.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Spence desire to express through The Sun their profound gratitude to their friends for the many kindnesses extended during the illness and recent death of their son, Ernest. They especially appreciate the elegant donations of flowers, and beg to assure those who were so thoughtful that their kindness shall never be forgotten.

Miss Edna Edelstein, after eight months pleasantly spent here as the guest of her brothers, Moses and David Edelstein, expects to make her departure today for her home in New York. She will be accompanied as far as Jacksonville by David Edelstein. Miss Edelstein has many friends here among the young people, and all regret to see her leave, but trust she will visit here again next year.

Rev. J. B. Holley, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, but now residing at Bamberg, S. C., after a couple of days spent here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wainwright, departed yesterday for Rodman, where today he will fill an appointment. Mr. Holley has many friends here who are always glad to see him, and who regretted that his stay was not of a longer duration. From Rodman he expects to proceed to his home.

Among the business visitors to this city yesterday was Timothy Bailey of Newberry, ex-justice of the peace and one of the most widely known residents of the West End. Mr. Bailey reports Newberry lively just now. The phosphate mines are running on full time and employing a large number of hands, which means that commercially the town is in excellent condition. The farmers have been blessed with favorable conditions, and indications are that the crops will yield profitably.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Senate Cleared Calendar in Short Order and Adjourned.

HOUSE NOT SO FORTUNATE

Lawtey Municipality Bill Passed Both Houses, and Now Goes to Governor for Approval—Other Bills Passed.

The Brown-Baskin Contest Case.

Tallahassee, April 15.—President Trammell, on the part of the Senate, has appointed the following visiting committees: To visit the South Florida Military Institute and the Normal School at St. Petersburg, Senator Humphries; to visit the convict camps, Senators Clark and Jackson; to visit the School for the Deaf and Blind, Senator Crill; to visit the State Normal School at Marianna, Senator Neil. Senator Gillen introduced a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee, one on the part of the House, to visit the Confederate Soldiers' Home at Jacksonville and report upon its condition and needs.

New Bills.

The following new bills were introduced:

By Senator Stockton—Requiring county commissioners to publish an annual budget and make contracts.

By Senator Sams—Creating the office of a fish and game warden.

By Senator Blount—To fix fees of clerks of circuit court for recording certain papers; also a bill to provide for the acquisition of papers by certain persons, firms or corporations; also a bill to authorize the city of Pensacola to issue bonds for municipal purposes.

By Senator Neil—To provide scholarships to the State Normal School and make appropriations; also a bill to authorize State normal schools to issue teachers' certificates.

By Senator Trammell—Providing that when fertilizer is not as represented by vendor, the purchaser may recover damages when sustained.

By Senator Lee—That railroads and express companies shall pay damages to shippers for losses sustained by delays in delivery.

The House bill declaring legal the municipality of the town of Lawtey was passed.

Senator Harris' bill to authorize cities and towns to license public hacks and vehicles was passed and certified to the House.

President Trammell appointed Senators Ramey and Lee, on the part of the Senate, on the committee relating to receiving and arranging for the acceptance of the Florida battle flags.

The Senate bill amending the charter of the municipality of the city of Key West was passed and certified to the House.

Owing to an error in title and a difference of opinion as to the number of members on the committee to visit the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, Senator Sams this morning gave notice that at the next session of the Senate he would move the reconsideration of the vote by which the House joint resolution on this subject was passed during yesterday's session.

The Senate, having cleared its calendar, adjourned until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Brown-Baskin Contest.

No one need look for a speedy termination of the Brown-Baskin contest for the seat of the Twentieth District in the Senate. The Senate committee on privileges and elections, to whom the matter has been referred, has held two sessions. At the first, which was held behind closed doors, Mr. Zepadski, for Mr. Baskin, presented his side of the case. Mr. Brown looked after his own interests. At the second sitting of the committee it was decided to ask the consent of the Senate to allow the committee to send for persons and papers in the case. The request was granted. It looks now as though

the contest may be long drawn out. Mr. Brown holds the seat.

In the House.

In the House a memorial to the House, addressed to the Speaker, relative to fees of assessor and collector in special school district taxes, from the county superintendent of DeSoto county, was read and referred.

No resolutions were offered.

New Bills Introduced.

The following new bills were introduced and referred:

By Mr. Matthews of Bradford—For the relief of Bradford county.

By Mr. Knight of Citrus—To amend law relating to exemption of wages from garnishment, and the manner of securing such exemption.

By Mr. Wilson of Lee—To define lawful fence in certain townships of Lee county.

By Mr. Wartman of Marion—To declare incorporation of Reddick, Marion county, legal.

By Mr. Dorman of Suwannee—To amend laws relative to powers of Live Oak city council to levy and collect license taxes. The rules were waived and this bill was read the second and third times and passed, 57 to 1.

By Mr. Blanton of Taylor—To provide for reimbursement of property owners for loss of stolen property.

By Mr. Sparkman of Volusia—To create office of fish and game warden and prescribe duties.

By Mr. Buckman of Duval, by request—For employment of assistant State health officer and other assistants for board.

The committee on claims reported favorably on the bill for the relief of J. Y. Detweiler, fish commissioner, and unfavorably on the bill to relieve Lee Daniel.

The constitutional amendments committee reported the bill fixing salaries of supreme court judges, recommending that it be amended so as to make the salaries of supreme court justices \$4,000 and that of circuit judges \$3,500.

The bill for the issuance of State normal certificates and the bill for compulsory education were adversely reported by the committee on education.

Mr. Melton's bill for a Governor's residence was adversely reported by the same committee.

The bill of Mr. Wells of Hillsboro to provide for the disposition by the several counties of the funds arising from and apportioned to the said several counties from the hire of State convicts was read the third time and passed without debate.

Mr. Wells' bill to prescribe the compensation to be paid jurors and witnesses serving in the several circuit courts and criminal courts of record in the State, which had been reported unfavorably by the committee on miscellaneous legislation, and extensively debated and amended on Thursday, was passed, 41 to 19.

Bills on Second Reading.

The following bills were read the second time and ordered engrossed:

Mr. Wartman's bill, relating to binding witnesses over by justices of the peace and county judges when sitting as committing magistrates to appear before the grand jury.

General Jewell's bill to require proposed constitutional amendments to be displayed at voting precincts on election day.

General Jewell's bill relating to licenses to carry firearms. This bill seeks to make it legal for minors under stated conditions and restrictions to secure a permit to carry a pistol or a Winchester rifle.

Mr. Buckman's bill relating to compensation of clerks of circuit courts as clerk and recorder. Mr. Jewell's bill relating to carrying firearms, and Mr. Wells' bill relating to entry upon rule day, were indefinitely postponed.

State Aid to Schools.

The Senate bill introduced by Senator West to provide State aid to certain public schools, to prescribe conditions and make appropriations therefor. To accomplish the advancement of this measure Mr. Harvell of Santa Rosa withdrew his bill of like purport. Under waiver of the rules the bill was read the third time and passed 55 to 0. Mr. Wells' bill, to provide for the

registration of all county warrants by the county treasurer, when not paid at presentation, and for payment of all such warrants in consecutive order, and for the payment of interest thereon, was killed by indefinite postponement.

Speaker Gilchrist appointed Messrs. Roberts of Monroe and Peadar of Santa Rosa as committeemen on the part of the House to visit the University of Florida at Lake City.

Senator West's bill to provide for two months extra school term for rural schools showing an average attendance of 70 per cent, was amended to read 75 per cent, and under a suspension of the rules was passed.

Captain Johnson's bill, appropriating \$3,000 for Teachers' Summer Training School, was amended to read \$2,500 and then ordered engrossed for its third reading.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Tallahassee, April 14.—The House of Representatives started its proceedings Thursday morning by having a group picture taken on the western steps of the capital.

A message from Governor Broward transmitting the report of State Auditor Ernest Amos upon his examination of the State officers' offices, which was ordered to be spread upon the journal.

Another message from the Governor transmitting letters from Secretary of War Taft of the United States and Adj. Gen. J. C. R. Foster of Florida relative to the return of Confederate flags by the United States War Department in accordance with a recent joint resolution of Congress. Governor Broward recommended that suitable provision be made for the safe preservation of these flags, and for their proper display.

Mr. Harvell of Santa Rosa offered a resolution that the committee of forestry be requested to prepare a bill to prevent the burning of woods in this State.

Introduction of Bills.

The following new bills were introduced:

By Mr. Tillman of Alachua—To provide for reprinting reports of Florida Supreme Court.

By Mr. Baker of Clay—To repeal statute making incurable insanity a ground for divorce.

By Mr. Melton of Duval—To amend statute relating to insurance companies; also a bill to amend law relative to sick and funeral benefit insurance companies; also a bill relating to contractors giving bonds, and to validate certain bonds given in connection with hire of State convicts.

By Mr. Fillingim of Escambia—To provide for acquisitions of property by persons associated together under a common name.

By Mr. Noble of Lake—To repeal statute making incurable insanity a ground for divorce.

By Mr. Crawford of Orange—To regulate impounding of cattle and other domestic animals in incorporated cities and towns.

By Mr. Wartman of Marion—Relating to pleading and practice.

By Mr. Wall of Putnam—To control, manage and maintain certain educational institutions of this State. This bill provides a board of control of fifteen to manage and direct the State aid colleges, and does away with separate boards.

By Mr. Wells of Hillsboro—To prohibit shooting of live pigeons, fowl or other birds.

General Jewell of Orange offered a concurrent resolution thanking the National Government for the return of State Confederate flags, which passed the House and was certified to the Senate.

A Dandy for Burns.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ill., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommend it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. 'It is a dandy for burns.' Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by W. M. Johnson.



Map Showing Anambas Islands.

vensky is carrying out the objects of his voyage.

The attitude of indifference in certain quarters of society as to the outcome of the naval battle is arousing criticism and Prince Oukhtomsky in his newspaper, The Dawn, today takes society to task for its unpatriotic, careless attitude.

Tokio, April 14.—3 p. m.—The following announcement was made today: "Our force advancing eastward via the Fushun and Hallung road encountered and defeated the enemy on the morning of the 12th at Erhhouli, 7 miles east of Yingpan. Our force then occupied Tsangshih about 19 miles east of Yingpan. The enemy in retreating toward Hallung fought at every step. The enemy on the Kirin road has gradually retreated since the 11th, a portion of this force still remaining to bar the passage of the Yushu river."

"No change has occurred in the Changtu or Pakhmen districts, except occasional cavalry skirmishes."

Rumor of Battle Unfounded.

Tokio, April 14.—Noon.—The naval department announces the report of a naval engagement recently off Saigon to be unfounded.

Russian Hospital Ship in Port.

Chicago, April 15.—A dispatch received on Thursday by the Chicago Daily News from its correspondent at Saigon, said:

"Rojstvensky's hospital ship here Wednesday night to take on board provisions, coal and medicines. It will leave Thursday at midday to rejoin the main squadron."

No mention was made of wounded men on board this ship.

Raleigh's Destination Unknown.

Laban, British Borneo, April 15.—The United States cruiser Raleigh has sailed northward. Her destination is unknown.

Probable Location of Squadron.

Berlin, April 15.—Admiral Rojstvensky's squadron is believed by the intelligence given by the German navy